THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a shortage of 12853 (28.10%) officers.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

An Image Projection Campaign of the Army was launched during 1997-98 with assistance of a professional advertising agency. The campaign has made a positive impact in that the number of eligible youths opting for a career in the Army has increased. On this consideration, the campaign is continuing.

Apart from the above, the Government have approved, in principle, short term, medium and long term measures to tide over the problem of shortage in Army. This includes reduction in training period of officers by six months at Indian Military Academy (IMA) for ex-NDA, Ex-ACC and Direct Entry cadets for a period of two years from January, 2000 to December, 2001 besides constitution of a high level committee to recommend feasible options to make Short Service Commission more attractive.

Pak Infiltration after Kargil War

†335. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of attempts of Pak infiltration made after the Kargil war;

(b) the number of infiltrators killed or apprehended in this regard and what is their nationality;

(c) the number of incidents of bomb explosion which took place during this period and the number of civilians and security personnel killed and injured in these incidents; and

(d) the comparative details of these incidents in respect of previous years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The number of infiltration attempts foiled by the security forces between 1st August 1999 to 13th July, 2000 along the Line of Control and International Border in Jammu and Kashmir is 108.

One hundred seventeen terrorists were killed and 11 apprehended in these infiltration attempts. The infiltrators were mostly from Pakistan and POK.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

There were 116 Improvised Explosives Devices explosions against Army/ RR vehicles/foot columns during the period from 1st August 1999 to 13th July 2000, in which 19 Army/RR personnel were killed and 109 wounded.

According to available reports there were 495 incidents of IED explosions/ Grenades in J&K during the period 1st August 1999 to 30th June 2000, in which 121 civilians were killed.

Year-wise Comparative Figures of Infiltration Attempts Foiled. Terrorists Killed and Apprehended

	Infiltration Attempts Foiled	Terrorists Killed	Terrorists Apprehended
1998	49	91	14
1999	70	128	25
2000 (upto 13 July)	72	114	—

Data for the last three years pertaining to IED explosions/bomb blasts against the security agencies and the civilians is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Stadium on Defence Land

336. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a stadium is proposed to be constructed in Hyderabad on defence land;

(b) if so, what are the PMO's directions in this regard issued in 1995; and

(c) the reasons for not keeping the place clean and not allowing stadium complex to be built on Bison Ground in Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for lease of defence land (Gymkhana grounds & Bison Polo ground) in Secunderabad for construction of a stadium.

(b) Prime Minister's Office have issued directions vide U.O.No. 855/11/C/ 16/03-Pol, dated 10-10-1995 that "under no circumstances should any building activity be allowed on the Gymkhana Grounds or on the adjacent Polo Ground which forms part of the old Secunderabad Race Course, and sports and games